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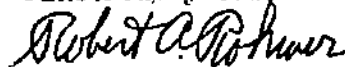
Dear Secretary Johanns:

I commend you for seeking input from rural people about the 2007 Farm Bill. No doubt you are also interested in the thoughts of the assembled policy experts who were presenters at the July 6-8 Iowa State University sponsored Agricultural Policy Summit. July 7th was simultaneous panel work shops. So a book of printed presentations was given to each attendee. Your aides no doubt have been sent or will request a copy, and will study it.

You may not have time to do that yourself so I send you my summary of that event. I don't think that you will mind its including my own thoughts since you are seeking input from everybody. This newspaper, for its size category, has been named Best of the States by the National Newspaper Association every year 1997-2003. So I am pleased that they printed my summary in full.

Working and hoping for a self employed structure of agriculture with a minimum of hiring within it,

Sincerely yours,


Robert A. Rohwer